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SUBJECT: CARDINAL SILVA'S UPCOMING VISIT TO THE VATICAN

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1. AT RECEPTION EVENING MAY 2 WE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
NEWLY-ARRIVED CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO HOLY SEE RIESLE, WHO, AS
31-YEAR-OLD BACHELOR, SEEMED INTENT ON BALANCING HIS PROFES-
SIONAL DIFFICULTIES WITH SOCIAL SUCCESSES. RIESLE CONFIRMED
THAT CARDINAL SILVA WOULD ARRIVE MAY 5, BUT WENT OUT OF HIS
WAY TO TRY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT VISIT A ROUTINE ANNUAL EVENT
AND THAT NOTHING MORE SHOULD BE READ INTO IT.

2. VATICAN SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY OF STATE ARCHBISHOP BENELLI
HAS BEEN RESPONDING VERY CAGILY TO DIPLOMATIC INQUIRIES RE SILVA
VISIT. HE WOULD GO NO FURTHER WITH BELGIAN DCM THAT TO SAY,
"I HAVE ALSO HEARD THAT CARDINAL SILVA WILL SOON BE IN ROME." VOLPE

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